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JANUARY 1988 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. A welcome was extended to WA3UCR, Tom, a visitor. The treasurers Report was approved as read. The December minutes were approved as published in the QUA-RAE. Committee Reports: Board of Directors; by Joe, K3IVG. Welcomed the new member, discussed fund raising projects, monetary grants, and the need for a good Public Relations person. Membership, Jim KJ3L, reported 84 members paid up, 2 Life Members, and 120 who are now in arrears, and are on a 90 day probation. Springfest, Fred KC3VD, reported that he would like to purchase three main prizes for the Springfest. KA3CRC, Tom, made a motion to authorize up to \$ 600 to purchase the door prizes. Motion seconded by Joe KC3LV, an passed by oral vote. A letter will be sent to VHF Communications. A book of 6 tickets will be mailed to all Hams. They will sell for \$ 1.00 ea. or \$ 5.00 for the book of 6. Repeater Fred, KC3VD, is looking for someone to help out or to take over as repeater chairman. QUA-RAE, John, K3UPC, reminds everyone that he doesn't plan to generate articles. He wants others to write articles, hints, kinks, shortcuts, etc. of interest to other Hams, to be written and submitted by the 15th of the month. The articles should be very legible as his vision is poor. Also we need a few people to help for an hour or so, each month, to collate, fold, and staple the QUA-RAE for mailing. Volunteer, and we'll call you to help when we are ready. Old Business: None. New Business; Joe, K3IVG, once again stressed the great need for a good Public Relations person to make the public aware of our Public Service efforts, and also the need for a committee to be appointed to look for grant money.

The HF rig was loaned to Bob, KA3PDR, and the Robot was loaned to KA3QFT. Joe, K3IVG, won the drawing. The guest speaker was Mr. George Garfield, President of Adult Education at County VO Tech., who spoke on courses available for adults. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barb, KA3JTD

REPEATER REPORT

Look for the block in the QUA-RAE, "\$ 2,000 Refund". Read it closely. Question-Did Southern Bell have to reclassify their phone line in Commercial service to Residential service? As of this writing, we don't know the answer. The article titled "\$ 2000 Refund" is a reprint from AEC Notes.

For your info, the Duplexers on 61 and 82 have been repaired by Ray Jones and Dick Bomboy. They have been re-installed on their respective sites. 61 Duplexer has pointed up a trouble in the feedline or ant. when in duplex operation. 82 Duplexer pointed up a need to have that receiver re-aligned.

Listen people; we need more people getting involved with technical aspects of the Repeaters. If the Repeaters are to survive in Erie RAE, we will need a few Hams to get acquainted with what makes them tick!

If new blood doesn't get involved, then you will have to go commercial-"which isn't free!!

Like the Marines say, "We need a few good people-people who don't know the word, "quitter". There are some things the Amateur can still build. Seek advice and guidance from the Pro's, BUT DO IT YOURSELF.

Remember, you can spend \$ 12,000 for equipment and installation and it will still be no better than the people who service it. You can do it yourself! That is why you became a Ham. 73's KC3VD

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SUPPORT THE CLUB FUNCTIONS AND REAP THE REWARDS!

An open letter to all YL's and OM who read the OUA-RAE and want to see it become more enjoyable for all Hams.

This page is reserved for reader contributions. Here is where you can tell others about your special antenna design, schematic diagrams of your tried and proven methods of getting a job done, that you would like to share with your fellow Amateurs.

With all the experts we have in the Amateur community, surely there are some with a few simple ideas to help the new Novice operator to get his station assembled and running smoothly. A few of us, like myself, are still not fully aware of the latest techniques, and operating procedures, even after many years of getting by!

How about a few pointers on sending and receiving RTTY, Fax, SSTV, DX, or Packet. For the benefit of would-be contest buffs, an article on operating techniques, might ensure another win for the RAE in the PA QSO party in 1988. All it would take is a short article to create more enthusiasm in our ranks.

Hints and Kinks, are also welcome. How did you get around that knotty problem?

Any new product information that fills a special need, without it being an advertising endorsement.

This is your page, and its success depends upon your contributions, in order to survive. Please write an occasional blurb, to help us out, and at the same time earn the gratitude and respect of all of us.

Tnx & 73 John, K3UPC

FROM THE PRESIDENTS VIEW

We are off on a new year again. I would like to see an active year for everyone who can. I would like to work with a few people who would like to start collecting donated materials and Han Fest them through the Summer at a few major Ham Fests. We need to raise cash for Repeater maintenance, repair and upgrading. wouldn't it be nice to get a 220 Mhz Repeater on the air? How about a 440 Mhz Repeater?

Why can't we have 3 different groups of people take charge of raising money, and maintaining their favorite frequency? A 2 Meter group, a 220 Mhz group and a 440 Mhz group. I don't care if all the people in these groups are members of the Club or not. Let's set Erie County on fire! In spirit at least.

73's de KC3VD

"\$ 2,000 REFUND, A REPEATER PHONE LINE COST REDUCTION!"

From the W5YI report, Jan. 1, 1988, we have learned that Southwestern Bell has recently down-graded their telephone service classification for Ham Radio Repeater lines from Commercial to Residential rates. This means a substantial telephone rate reduction for repeater sites served by Southwestern Bell. One Club will be receiving a \$ 2,000 refund, representing 17 years of back overcharges!

You may want to find out from your phone Company if your Repeater phone line has been improperly classified as a Commercial line. For more information, contact Paul Gilbert, KES2W, Telephone (915) 573-2163. - (Copied from ACC Notes, last quarter, 1987)

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JOIN THE RAE

Check the mailing label. If an "N" appears in the fourth row, you are NOT a current member, and this copy is being furnished through the courtesy of the RAE. Dues are only \$ 9.00. full; and \$ 8.00. associate; and are used to support the RAE, and other worthy club functions.

SEND YOUR DUES PAYMENT TO : RAE, PO BOX 844, ERIE, PA 16512

January 2, 1988 FCC Exams

Volunteer examiners present: Chester Kanis, KB3P; Dick Blasco, KY3D; Hank Schultz, KA3GIP; Dick Waldinger, NI3Q; and Norma Vanderhoff, W3CG.

The following successfully passed elements as noted.

Michael Przepierski, KA3QWP, passed Advanced
Karen Pawula, KA3QVV, passed Advanced
Michael Varga, KA3HAK, of Fredonia, PA,
Passed Element 4B, (Amateur Extra Theory).

Regis Butler of Seneca, PA, passed Element 3B, (General Class Theory)

The next Exams are to be held on February 6th, at The Villa Maria College, A'Hearn Hall at 8:00 AM, followed next month on March 5th, at the same time and place. On March 6th, the Erie VE team will journey to the Conneaut, OH Hamfest to hold exams at 1:00 PM.

Submitted, Norma, W3CG

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